

**National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior**



**Fort Stanwix National Monument
FY 2004 (October 2003-September 2004) Projects and Priorities**

FACILITIES

Willett Center – The Willett Center will provide visitor education and interpretive activities as well as museum collections space for over 400,000 museum artifacts. Construction will begin in March 2004 with a scheduled opening in mid 2005.

Reduce Deferred Maintenance of Fort Structures - Complete the rehabilitation of the southwest casemate from staff offices into an 18th Century artisan area; complete repair of the leaking interior concrete walls through the installation of air circulators to limit condensation; begin to replace rotted timbers from bridge; rehabilitate east casemate to improve working conditions; implement energy efficiency measures recommended in 2003 energy audit; and begin water sealant (oakum) project for exterior walls.

PROGRAMS AND PARTNERSHIPS

Enhance and Diversify Programs – Build upon new programs such as “Saturday Fun at the Fort” and continue to support community special events such as “Honor America Days”.

Strengthen Marketing Efforts – Increase visitation to the fort by to strengthening relationship with tourism partners such as “I Love NY”, Oneida County Visitor and Convention Bureau, the Oneida Indian Nation, the Mohawk Valley Heritage Corridor and other NPS units in Upstate New York.

Complete New Exhibit on NYS Thruway – Complete the “History Happened Here” exhibit on the NYS Thruway at the Oneida rest area (exit 32).

Strengthen Education Partnerships – Continue to establish partnerships with local school districts to increase the use of Fort Stanwix. Collaborate with teachers on curriculum development and provide teacher training opportunities through the “Private Yankee Doodle” Teacher Institute in April as well as opportunities for life-long learners through the Mohawk Valley Learning in Retirement program.

PLANNING AND RESEARCH

Landscape Treatment Plan – Developed in partnership with SUNY-School of Environmental Science and Forestry, this project will develop a landscape plan that provides treatment recommendations for future design and management of the fort’s property as well as adjacent streetscapes and trailways.

General (Strategic) Management Plan – Complete this document that defines the vision of Fort Stanwix National Monument and incorporates the findings of the business plan (completed in 2002).

Administrative History – Complete and make available the findings of the Administrative History. This document will provide a comprehensive account of the establishment of Fort Stanwix National Monument and its management to the present and will be available for sale.